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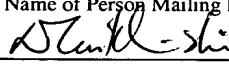
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Title: **MOTORIZED TRACTION DEVICE
FOR A PATIENT SUPPORT**

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/336,576, filed January 3, 2003 for Braking Apparatus for a Patient Support; which is a continuation-in-part of pending application Serial No. 09/853,221, filed May 11, 2001 for Motorized Traction Device for a Patient Support.

The entire disclosures of the prior applications, from which oaths or declarations are supplied, are considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and are hereby incorporated by reference.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a continuation patent application.
2. ☒ Declarations and Powers of Attorney:
 - ☐ is being filed with this application.
 - ☒ were filed in the prior applications, and copies are enclosed herewith.
3. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.
4. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a))				\$770	\$770
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	37	- 20 =	17	\$18	\$306
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0	\$86	\$0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT	(37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))			\$290	
*NUMBER EXTRA MUST BE ZERO OR LARGER				TOTAL	\$1,076
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5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1076 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
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7. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed to cover the extension of time.
8. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9. ☒ The original application was assigned from the inventors to Hill-Rom Services, Inc.
10. ☐ An assignment of the invention is enclosed herewith.
11. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the recordation fee for the
assignment is enclosed.
12. ☐ Request For Non-Publication and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(1)
13. ☐ Recognize as associate attorneys:
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15. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
16. ☐ A PTO Form 1449 is enclosed with copies of _____ cited references.
17. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37
C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during
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